

To conclude with an Oration by

### THE SON OF GOD.

It is written in the 25th of Matthew, from the 34th verse to the end of the chapter; but for the sake of those who seldom read the Scriptures, I shall here transcribe two verses:

<p>Then shall the King say to them on his right hand: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.</p>	<p>Then shall he say unto them upon his left hand: Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.</p>
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After which the curtain will drop.

Then, O to tell!

Some rais'd on high, and others doom'd to hell!  
These praise the Lamb and sing Redeeming Love,  
Lodg'd in His bosom, all His goodness prove;  
While those, who trampled under foot His grace,  
Are banished now forever from His face.  
Divided thus, a gulf is fixed between,  
And closes to Eternity the scene.

Tickets for the Pit at the easy purchase of following the vain pomps and vanities of the fashionable world and the desire and amusements of the flesh; to be had at every flesh-pleasing assembly.

"If ye live after the flesh ye shall die."—Rom. viii: 13.

Tickets for the Gallery at no less rate than being converted and forsaking all, denying self, taking up the Cross and following Christ in the Regeneration: to be had nowhere but in the Word of God and where that Word appoints.

N. B.—No money will be taken at the door; nor will any ticket gain admittance into the Gallery but those sealed by the Holy Ghost with Immanuel's signet.

"Thus will I do unto thee, O Israel, and because I will do so unto thee,

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD, O ISRAEL!"

### Catholic versus Protestant Work.

General Woodford, in his excellent paper on "Lay Criticism" (HOMILETIC MONTHLY, Feb., p. 292), says:

"Protestantism reaches the middling classes and the well-to-do very effectively. It is not doing its original work among the poor of our cities."

The author mistakes in comparing Catholic and Protestant work. Protestantism reaches all classes; but when the lowest classes come under its influences, it elevates them, and they are no longer degraded. Let any per cent. of the lowest Catholic portions of residents of New York be brought under the influence of the Protestant relig-

ion, and the work of reformation begins. Not so the Catholic portion. The distinction is seen in native Irishmen. The Catholic of similar poverty is degraded; the Orangeman, or Protestant, respectable. If Protestantism fails to exalt the vicious classes of the Protestant population, it is because it fails to reach them. Catholicism fails equally to exalt its own vicious classes, though it reach them. Statistics show that where Protestantism reaches the substratum of society, the consequences are revivals, conversions, forsaking of sin, drinking, gaming, profanity, and brutal fights; while Catholicism is not ordinarily attended with any such marked improvement. That the Catholic mendicant crowds to the cathedral with the millionaire, is not wonderful, when it is remembered that he is taught to kneel in his rags on the pavement, or on the open church floor outside of the pews—by which, indeed, his poverty is made conspicuous, and the contrast marked. But were the same poor people to attend statelyly the rich Protestant church, they would be clothed and provided for, and cease to attract attention as paupers or a degraded class. I insist upon it that all these comparisons, so invidious to Protestant work, are inconsiderate, and overlook the elevating influence of the Bible, the great factor in Protestant evangelization—the Bible, which transforms the vicious classes, and presents them as prodigals no more, but accepted and beloved, clad in the best robes, and not bowing as servants, but feasting as sons.

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### How to Invigorate the Ministry.

I liked Dr. Gregory's article on this important theme in your July issue; only I think he does not go far enough in the way of suggesting the remedy. It is not enough to choose the right men and train them wisely and thoroughly for their work so long as the Church herself is dead, or governed by a worldly spirit and policy. As a rule, the ministry will not rise above the